

SERMON SERIES

# SACRIFICE





A photograph of a sheep standing in a lush green field. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds in shades of orange, red, and grey, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

MY LIFE -  
A LIVING  
SACRIFICE

ROMANS 12:1-8



# SACRIFICE In the Old Testament:

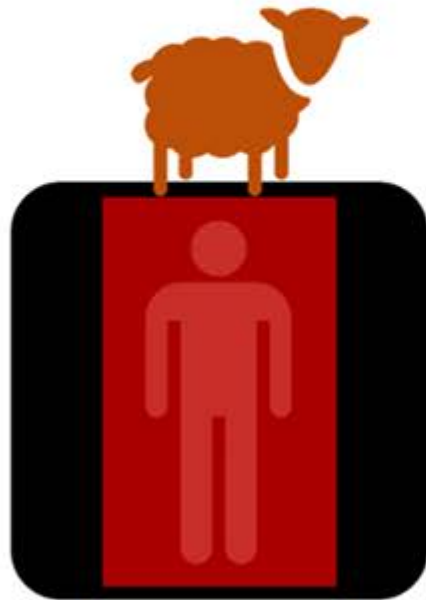
- The act of offering something as a means of atonement, worship, or thanksgiving
- The offering may involve slaughtering an animal or making an offering of grain or another agricultural product
- Leviticus 1-7





# SACRIFICE In the Old Testament:

**Temporary  
Blood Covering**

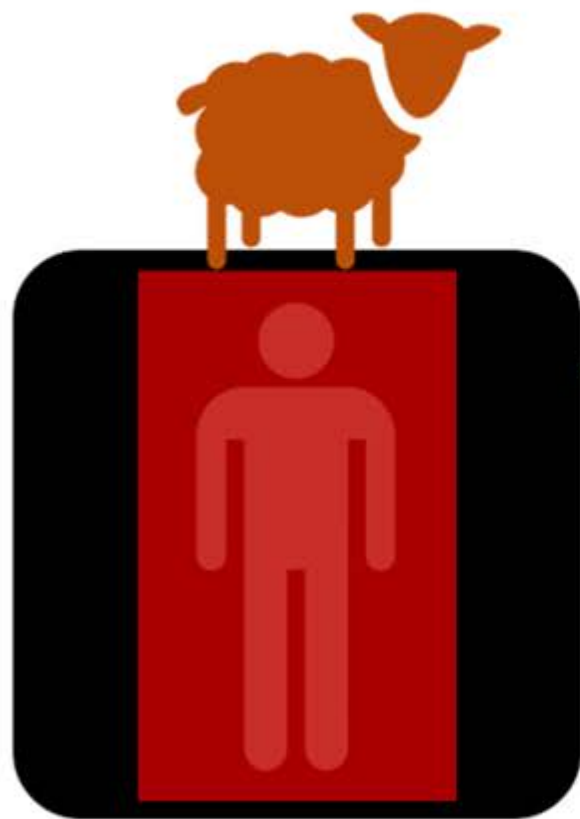


**Priests offer sacrifices  
again and again**

The Old Testament sacrifice foreshadows the coming of Jesus and what He will do once and for all



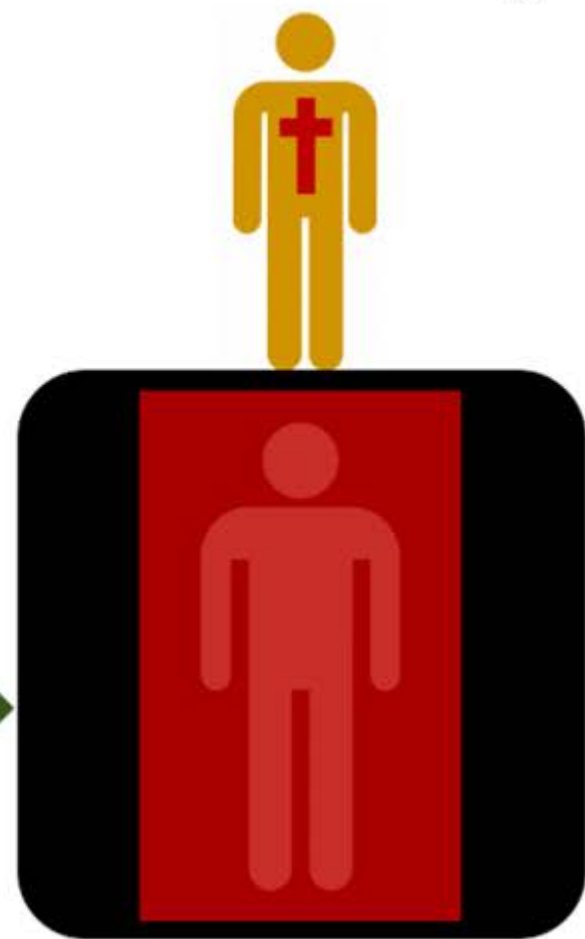
## Temporary Blood Covering



A Picture

**Priests offer sacrifices  
again and again**

## Permanent Blood Covering



The Real Covering

**Single sacrifice for all  
Hebrews 7:27 sins, good for all time**



# SACRIFICE In the New Testament:

“When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he received a divine revelation, and said, “behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”

- John 1:29

“For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Jesus Christ was the ultimate sacrificial substitute once for all time

- 1 Cor 5:7





# ROMANS 12

WE ARE THE LIVING SACRIFICE





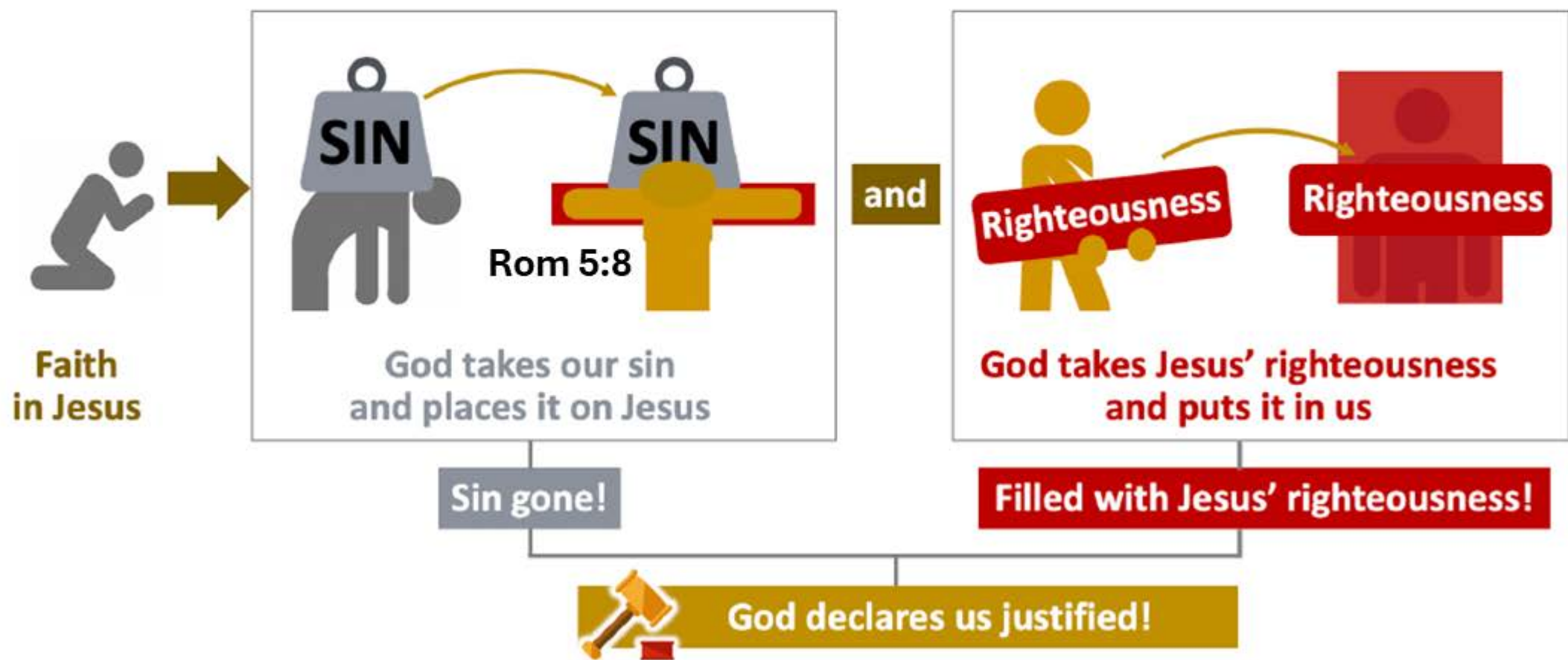
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

**Romans 12:1**





# What happens when a person puts his faith in Jesus?





**A LIVING SACRIFICE...**

**Lives in gratitude  
to God's mercy**





JESUS IS THE MERCY OF GOD  
MADE HUMAN





Gratitude

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**Romans 12:1**

**Mercy : God did not give us what we deserve.**





## **Your bodies**

- give of your entire self (YOUR LIFE)

## **Living Sacrifice**

- brought alive to the altar
- a willing choice
- stays alive at the altar
- ongoing





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**Romans 12:1**





If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

**Romans 8:31-32**





**A LIVING SACRIFICE...**

**Worships God with  
their whole life**





Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Romans 12:2**





## Worship

- Expressing devotion, reverence and adoration to God
- Recognize God's attributes and respond in worship
- Not limited to singing





## What Worship is NOT

- Earning God's favour
- Attaining God's acceptance
- External behaviour change
- Works of righteousness
- Trying to make our way to God





An aerial photograph of a dense urban area, showing numerous buildings and streets. The image is cropped into a circular shape, with the edges fading into a dark grey background. The text is overlaid on this circular image.

# **RESIST CONFORMING TO THE WORLD**

Do not be SHAPED by the world



## Patterns of the World

## Truths of God

Nothing is free in life. Every deal is transactional.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

YOLO (You only live once)  
Go with your heart.

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive.

1 Corinthians 10:23

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Jeremiah 17:9

I am so spent at work, why would I want to do more work in church on my off day?

work = *avodah* = worship





# **TRANSFORMED BY RENEWING OF THE MIND**

- Metamorphosis
- Total re-creation
- Complete change



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## Episode 22 - Letting Go of a Promotion for the Sake of Another with Sam Rhee

Sam Rhee shares why he recommended someone else for a once-in-a-lifetime promotion he had earned and how God honored his faithfulness in unexpected and exciting ways.



Source: <https://www.asia.faithdrivenentrepreneur.org/podcast/>



# PURSUE GOD'S WILL

The best way to live is to live in  
the center of God's will.






# A LIVING SACRIFICE...

**Serves the  
body of Christ**

ROMANS 12:3-8





A dense forest with tall, thin trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. The text is overlaid in the center.

**Serve with humility**  
**Serve the body in unity**  
**Serve with the gifts God has given you**